

# Observations de Gonoleks de Barbarie *Laniarius barbarus* à dessous jaune Sénégal

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A Yellow-crowned Gonolek with entirely yellow underparts was discovered at Keur Gadj, Senegal, on 19 July 1989<sup>1</sup>. It was paired with a normal individual and was regularly observed during the following seven years. Duetting appeared to be initiated by either bird. On 28 July 1990, the pair was accompanied by an apparently young bird, which also had yellow underparts. The aberrant adult remained in the area after the killing of its partner, in July 1993, and, while remaining unpaired, was regularly heard singing. It was last seen in September 1996.

Un Gonolek de Barbarie *Laniarius barbarus* à dessous entièrement jaune (sauf les sous-caudales) fut découvert à Keur Gadj, Sénégal, en juillet 1986<sup>1</sup>. Il était accouplé à un individu normal et le couple a été observé régulièrement pendant 7 ans. Le chant en duo était initié par l'un ou l'autre des adultes. Le 28 juillet 1990, le couple était accompagné d'un jeune au dessous également jaune. L'adulte aux colorations aberrantes a continué de fréquenter le site après la disparition de son partenaire, tué au lance-

pierres en juillet 1993. Bien que chantant régulièrement, il est apparemment resté célibataire; il a été vu pour la dernière fois en septembre 1996. ♀

## Bibliographie

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## Letters



### Unidentified pytilias

The description given by Welch & Welch of the presently unidentified pytilias which appeared in *Bull. ABC* 5: 46-50 differ little from birds first observed in 1986 by Kenny Hand of Kathu in the northern Cape province, South Africa. The yellow-throated pytilia breeds alongside Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba*, but does not occur in mixed family groups, preferring to feed and drink separately. They are found within a radius of 8 km, in Camelthorn, which grows along the banks of a winding dry riverbed. The photograph shows a captive male. ♀

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